

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 97-11-17**

Date Prepared: November 13, 1997

For Work Week Commencing: November 17, 1997

Business Meeting Date & Time: November 17, 1997, 10:00 a.m.

General Introduction This agenda is the Commission's Utility Division agenda for the work week designated. In the later part of each week (generally, Thursday by 2:00 p.m.) prior to the work week to which an agenda pertains, the agenda is posted on the public information bulletin board at the Commission offices, deposited in the mail directed to all persons who have properly requested notice by mail, placed on the state electronic bulletin board, and posted to the PSC's world wide web site at <http://www.psc.mt.gov>.

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Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated (Dan).

1. MPC Docket D97.7.90 - Discuss status of DEQ's Motion to Compel, and other unresolved discovery concerns (11/18/97)
2. MPC Dockets D96.2.22 & D97.11.212 - Discuss and act on draft rules and related matters if necessary (11/18/97)
3. Lone Mountain Docket D97.8.140 - Discuss and act on draft final order (11/18/97)
4. SB396 Rules Docket L-97.1-RUL - Discussion and action on draft rules and related matters if necessary (11/18/97)
5. Natural Gas Suppliers - Discuss filing requirements and analysis of natural gas suppliers (11/18/97)
6. Winter Gas & Electric Terminations - Obtain Commission delegation of authority to staff to approve and/or disapprove winter termination requests (11/18/97)

7. Weekly Meeting - Will be held at 9:45 a.m. on the day of the Business Meeting

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. COLSTRIP COMMUNITY SERVICES - Dockets D97.4.60 & D97.4.61 (Eric)

On April 9, 1997, CCSC filed an application for approval of rate increases for the water and sewer services it provides in Colstrip, Montana. CCSC requested a general rate increase of \$153,780 in annual revenues from water rates and additional annual revenues of \$89,750 from sewer services. On September 26, 1997, CCSC and MCC filed a stipulation agreement which provided for a general rate increase of \$145,090 in annual revenues for water service and \$84,521 for sewer service. On October 8, 1997, a public hearing was held on these Dockets in Colstrip. A Final Order approving the stipulation has been drafted.

Notice Items All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, PO Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda.

1. MCI TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORP. - Docket N97.11.213 (Nina)

On November 7, 1997, MCI Telecommunications Corp., filed Transmittal Letter No. 97-24, proposing the following: (1) to add Option F (Prism Plus), Option K (Commercial Dial 1 Service), Option R (MCI Preferred), Option V (Advanced Option 1 for Small Business), Option U (MCI Flat Rate Plus), and Option X (Advanced Option II for Small Business) to the Pay phone Use Charge; (2) to grandfather the Guarantee Plan for Option X (Advanced Option II for Small Business); (3) to introduce the Calling Card Plan for Option X (Advanced Option II for Small Business); and to make text changes.

2. CENTRAL MONTANA COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N97.11.211 (Vicki)

On November 3, 1997, Central Montana Communications filed tariff pages adding: a new Internet Access Plan rate for high volume Internet users; a special promotion providing a fifty percent reduction in the non-recurring installation charge for a second residential line; and a special promotion schedule exempting the non-recurring charge to add Custom Calling Features.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

MPC Docket D97.7.90 - A Notice of Commission Action granting late intervention to requesting parties was served on October 31, 1997.

PacifiCorp Docket D97.7.91 - A Notice of Commission Action granting late intervention to requesting parties was served on October 31, 1997.

CELP, YELP & DNRC v. MPC Docket s D97.7.127, D97.7.129 & D97.8.143 - A Notice of Staff Action extending the deadline for reconsideration was served October 31, 1997.

PacifiCorp Docket D97.7.91 - A Notice of Staff Action amending procedural schedule was served on November 5, 1997.

Energy West Resources, Inc., MP Energy Services, Inc., MP Energy, Inc. Dockets N97.10.192, N97.10.193 & N97.10.194 - A Notice of Staff Action extending the time for Commission must act on these filings was served November 12, 1997.

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 97-11-24

Docket N97.11.211 CENTRAL MONTANA COMMUNICATIONS (Vicki)
Docket N97.11.213 MCI TELECOMMUNICATIONS (Nina)

New Filings Received in Past Week

D97.10.207 USWC/Tel-Link, LLC - Resale Agreement
D97.10.208 USWC/Mid-Rivers - First Amendment to Resale Agreement
D97.10.209 USWC/Stargate - Resale Agreement
N97.11.210 Valley Electric Coop. - Notice of Exemption
N97.11.211 CMC - Revise Internet Access Plan and Intro 1997 and 1998
Special Promotions
D97.11.212 MPC - Biannual Gas Tracker

- N97.11.213 MCI - Revise Options F, K, R, V, U, and X, plus various text changes
- D97.11.214 MDU - Monthly Gas Tracker
- N97.11.215 Citizens - Lifeline Service filing
- N97.11.216 USWC - Remote Access Forwarding, Schedule Forwarding, Rate Reduction and text changes
- N97.11.217 SMT - Link-Up America